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Mr. Robert Mariner
TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program Manager
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: TIGER II Discretionary Grants

Dear Mr. Mariner:

On behalf of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED), Baltimore City's workforce investment agency and one-stop career center operator, I am pleased to provide this letter of partnership commitment for the City's application for funding under **U.S. Department of Transportation's** Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) II discretionary grant program.

MOED is excited about the prospect of serving as a bridge between the residents of the Westport community and our agency's full spectrum of highly regarded workforce development programs. By leveraging these federal grant funds with existing resources, Baltimore can target its workforce delivery system so as to better connect Westport area residents with both training programs and relevant job opportunities. It is our hope that this initiative will allow us to use proven strategies for ensuring that local infrastructure investments result on economic opportunity for area residents.

Baltimore's proposed Westport initiative would serve as a model for other communities across the nation, and MOED welcomes the opportunity to support it, and serve as a partner in its implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Sitnick", written in a cursive style.

Karen Sitnick
Director